

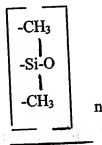
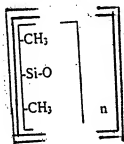
**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 4, page 2, as follows:

The hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica used for purposes of the present invention can be, for example, the silicas known as:

Aerosil R 812 or Aerosil R 8128, having the group  $-O-Si(CH_3)_3$

Aerosil R 202, Aerosil MS 202, Aerosil MS 202, Aerosil R 106 or Aerosil R 104 having the group



Aerosil R 805 having the group

